

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Groton Public Library

4:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I) Call to order
- II) Roll call
- III) Public Comments
- IV) Communications
- V) Approval of minutes of the August meeting
- VI) Review of August and September statistics
- VII) Director's Report
 - A) 200 people attended the Groton Public Library's Fifth Annual Local History Fair on Saturday, September 27. The fair included representatives from: New London County Historical Society, Groton Historical Society, Mystic River Historical Society, Indian & Colonial Research Center, East Lyme Historical Society, Leffingwell Museum, Hempstead House, Avery Memorial Association, Friends of Fort Griswold, Daughters of the American Revolution and others. Attendees were able to speak with representatives to discover what the organizations offer or just to reminisce about the "good old days." Displays featured old photographs, maps and other items that tell the story of each organization. Joseph Potter, Colonial American magician, performed sleight of hand and rope tricks.
 - B) The Library is sponsoring the 5th Annual Ancestor Roadshow on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Members from the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council will provide 30 minutes of free individualized advice to participants on how to get started in genealogy. Genealogists will also help more advanced researchers with specific problems in their family history. Irene Lambert, Master Graphologist, will analyze ancestors' handwriting samples and tell you what it reveals about them. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration is required.
 - C) The Director is working with the Town Attorney to finalize the Deed of Gift to acquire the Streeter collection of local history materials.
 - D) Staff met with faculty from UConn Avery Point to plan a spring semester course that will provide students in a Public History class with hands-on experience working with local history artifacts.

- E) Cindy Wright and Kathy Greenleaf met with Client First to discuss the Library's software assessment. Cindy Wright is serving as project manager for the Library on this project. She also attended the discussion with the consultants regarding the Town's webpage.
- F) Cindy Wright, Michael Spellmon and Judy Kelmelis along with staff from IT participated in a conference call with a company that is preparing a proposal to develop a new interface for Groton History Online.

VIII) New Business

- A) 2015 Meeting Dates

IX) Old Business

- A) Revision of the By-Laws

X) Adjournment